

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 5, 2015

Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Mark Teike with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker and James Lienhoop were present. Ryan Brand was absent.
- D. Councilor Jerome made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Joint Meeting of the Common Council and Redevelopment Commission meeting on December 11, 2014 as presented. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on December 16, 2014 as presented. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- E. Council Selection of 2015 Presidential Pro Tempore. Councilor Bunch made a motion to nominate Tim Shuffett as President Pro Tempore. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2015, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.22.030 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, COLUMBUS FIRE DEPARTMENT, OVERTIME COMPENSATION." Mayor Brown asked Fire Chief Dave Allmon to present this ordinance with a recap of the details. Dave referenced a report listing other communities similar in size, with the majority of those communities paying all line officers overtime. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Council Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to reappoint Barry Turner to the Columbus Utility Board, appoint Laurie Booher to the Columbus Redevelopment Commission, appoint Erin Hawkins to the Commons Board, and appoint Wayne Nyffler to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilor Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2015, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2015." (Columbus Fire Department Overtime Pay) Jeff Logston, City Attorney

and Executive Director of Administration, presented this ordinance. He explained this action is necessary for payment of overtime for Fire Department line officers as discussed under unfinished business. The amount requested for additional appropriation is \$100,000. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to suspend the rules of order and pass in one reading. Jeff stated the public notice for the additional appropriation has not occurred yet. Councilor Shuffett withdrew his motion. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO._____, 2015, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2015.” (Columbus Police Department Equipment Purchase) Matt Caldwell, Director of Operations and Finance, presented this ordinance by explaining the request is for an additional appropriation of \$70,000 to purchase body cameras for the Columbus Police Department. They are requesting 65 cameras with an approximate cost of \$900 each, with the remaining amount of the \$70,000 to be used for system upgrades and data storage. Chief Jon Rohde explained the department has tested several cameras and allowed Council to view one of the sample cameras. Jon is in the process of compiling a list of agencies that are currently using the cameras. Councilor Whipker asked about issues of privacy or legal decisions associated with the cameras. Jon stated the laws are currently evolving and they are working on creating a policy and procedure plan for the department. Much discussion followed. Mayor opened the meeting for public comment. Tamara Kiel questioned how the police force felt about the possibility of wearing the cameras. Jon explained they know it is a realization that the cameras will be implemented because this is technology of the future. David Jones asked if there were any instances that could have vindicated an officer while in use. Deputy Chief Harry stated only one camera was given to the Police Department for testing. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to table this ordinance until the February 17, 2015 Council meeting to allow time for Jon to gather more information regarding the cameras, policies and procedures, a list of other communities using the cameras, and the possibility of Information Technology Department funding the purchase. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

D. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO._____, 2015, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2015.” (Storm Sewer Repair) Beth Fizel, City Engineer, presented this ordinance. Mayor stated this is an additional appropriation for Presidential Parks Subdivision and she introduced Bob Snively who represents the Homeowners Association. Beth presented a powerpoint presentation showing a map of the area needing repairs. She explained the flow line of the larger pipes that are deteriorating, with the result being the recurrence of sinkholes throughout the lengths of the two main trunk lines in the subdivision. The request for an additional appropriation is \$500,000. Councilor Shuffett has known about this issue for approximately five years, he expressed concern for the large amount of an additional appropriation, and questioned why this wasn’t addressed during budget hearings. Mayor stated she recently found out about this issue from Mr. Snively. Councilor Shuffett asked if there are other areas that are equally as bad or areas that the Council needs to be aware of. Mayor stated there are two other locations in need of repair. Beth plans to prepare an assessment report detailing deferred storm sewer needs in the city. Mr. Snively spoke about the storm sewer issues and the amount of property taxes paid by the homeowners in the subdivision. Much discussion followed. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading and

place in proper channels. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports - None
- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**
- C. Councilor Bunch made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus